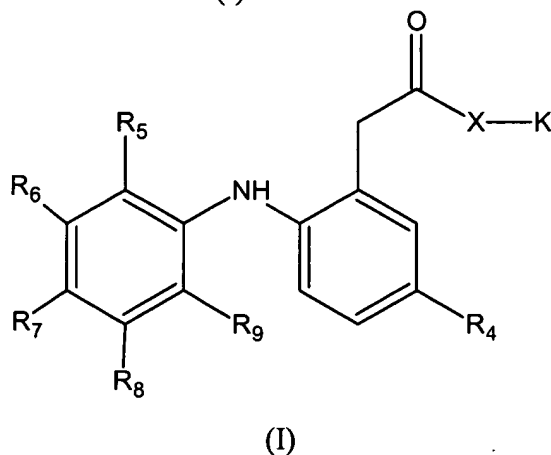


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A compound of Formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein the compound of Formula (I) is:



wherein:

R<sub>4</sub> is methyl or ethyl;

R<sub>5</sub> is chloro or fluoro;

R<sub>6</sub> is hydrogen or fluoro;

R<sub>7</sub> is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy or hydroxyl;

R<sub>8</sub> is hydrogen or fluoro;

R<sub>9</sub> is chloro, fluoro, trifluoromethyl or methyl;

X is an oxygen, -S(O)<sub>o</sub>- or -N(R<sub>a</sub>)R<sub>i</sub>-;

K is:

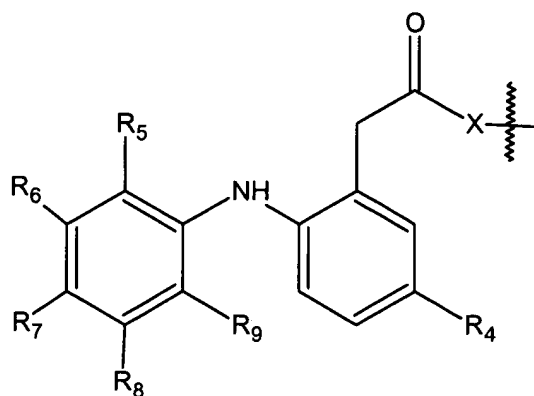
a) -W<sub>a</sub>-E<sub>b</sub>-(C(R<sub>e</sub>)(R<sub>f</sub>))<sub>p</sub>-E<sub>c</sub>-(C(R<sub>e</sub>)(R<sub>f</sub>))<sub>x</sub>-W<sub>d</sub>-(C(R<sub>e</sub>)(R<sub>f</sub>))<sub>y</sub>-W<sub>i</sub>-E<sub>j</sub>-W<sub>g</sub>-(C(R<sub>e</sub>)(R<sub>f</sub>))<sub>z</sub>-T-Q; or

b) -W<sub>a</sub>-E<sub>b</sub>-(C(R<sub>e</sub>)(R<sub>f</sub>))<sub>p</sub>-E<sub>c</sub>-(C(R<sub>e</sub>)(R<sub>f</sub>))<sub>x</sub>-W<sub>d</sub>-(C(R<sub>e</sub>)(R<sub>f</sub>))<sub>y</sub>-W<sub>i</sub>-E<sub>j</sub>-W<sub>g</sub>-(C(R<sub>e</sub>)(R<sub>f</sub>))<sub>z</sub>-R<sub>3</sub> and

with the proviso that at least one R<sub>e</sub> is selected as -T-Q, or -(C(R<sub>g</sub>)(R<sub>h</sub>))<sub>k</sub>-T-Q when K is (b); and

with the further proviso that "X-K" in the compounds of Formula (I), does not include nitroxyl lower alkyl esters;

R<sub>3</sub> is:



Q is -NO or -NO<sub>2</sub>;

a, b, c, d, g, i and j are each independently an integer from 0 to 3;

p, x, y and z are each independently an integer from 0 to 10;

W at each occurrence is independently -C(O)-, -C(S)-, -T-, -(C(R<sub>e</sub>)(R<sub>f</sub>))<sub>h</sub>-, an alkyl group, an aryl group, a heterocyclic ring, an arylheterocyclic ring, or -(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>q</sub>-;

E at each occurrence is independently -T-, an alkyl group, an aryl group, -(C(R<sub>e</sub>)(R<sub>f</sub>))<sub>h</sub>-, a heterocyclic ring, an arylheterocyclic ring, or -(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>q</sub>-;

h is an integer from 1 to 10;

q is an integer from 1 to 5;

R<sub>e</sub> and R<sub>f</sub> are each independently a hydrogen, an alkyl, a cycloalkoxy, a halogen, a hydroxy, an hydroxyalkyl, an alkoxyalkyl, an arylheterocyclic ring, an alkylaryl, an alkylcycloalkyl, an alkylheterocyclic ring, a cycloalkylalkyl, a cycloalkylthio, a cycloalkenyl, an heterocyclicalkyl, an alkoxy, a haloalkoxy, an amino, an alkylamino, a dialkylamino, an arylamino, a diarylamino, an alkylaryl amino, an alkoxyhaloalkyl, a sulfonic acid, a sulfonic ester, an alkylsulfonic acid, an arylsulfonic acid, an arylalkoxy, an alkylthio, an arylthio, a cyano an aminoalkyl, an aminoaryl, an aryl, an arylalkyl, an alkylaryl, a carboxamido, a alkylcarboxamido, an arylcarboxamido, an amidyl, a carboxyl, a carbamoyl, an alkylcarboxylic acid, an arylcarboxylic acid, an alkylcarbonyl, an arylcarbonyl, an ester, a carboxylic ester, an alkylcarboxylic ester, an arylcarboxylic ester, a sulfonamido, an alkylsulfonamido, an arylsulfonamido, an alkylsulfonyl, an alkylsulfonyloxy, an arylsulfonyl, arylsulphonyloxy, a sulfonic ester, a urea, a phosphoryl, a nitro, W<sub>h</sub>, -T-Q, or -(C(R<sub>g</sub>)(R<sub>h</sub>))<sub>k</sub>-T-Q, or R<sub>e</sub> and R<sub>f</sub> taken together with the carbons to which they are attached form a carbonyl, a methanthial, a

heterocyclic ring, a cycloalkyl group, an aryl group, an oxime, a hydrazone or a bridged cycloalkyl group;

$R_g$  and  $R_h$  at each occurrence are independently  $R_e$ ;

$k$  is an integer from 1 to 3;

$T$  at each occurrence is independently a covalent bond, a carbonyl, an oxygen,  $-S(O)_o-$  or  $-N(R_a)R_i-$ ;

$o$  is an integer from 0 to 2;

$R_a$  is a lone pair of electrons, a hydrogen or an alkyl group;

$R_i$  is a hydrogen, an alkyl, an aryl, an alkylcarboxylic acid, an arylcarboxylic acid, an alkylcarboxylic ester, an arylcarboxylic ester, an alkylcarboxamido, an arylcarboxamido, an alkylaryl, an alkylsulfinyl, an alkylsulfonyl, an alkylsulfonyloxy, an arylsulfinyl, an arylsulfonyl, arylsulphonyloxy, a sulfonamido, a carboxamido, a carboxylic ester, an aminoalkyl, an aminoaryl,  $-CH_2-C(T-Q)(R_e)(R_f)$ , a bond to an adjacent atom creating a double bond to that atom,  $-(N_2O_2-)^- \cdot M^+$ , wherein  $M^+$  is an organic or inorganic cation;

with the proviso that the nitrosated and/or nitrosylated compounds of Formula (I) must contain at least one  $-NO$  group or at least one  $-NO_2$  group, and wherein the at least one  $-NO$  group or the at least one  $-NO_2$  group is linked to the compounds of Formula (I) through an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom or a sulfur atom.

2. (Original) A composition comprising the compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

3 – 52 (Cancelled)

53. (Original) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound of claim 1 is a nitrosated 2(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl) amino)5-methylphenyl)acetate, a nitrosylated 2(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl) amino)5-methylphenyl)acetate, a nitrosated and nitrosylated 2(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl) amino)5-methylphenyl)acetate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof..

54. (Currently Amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of 2-(2-(nitroxy)ethylthio)ethyl 2(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl) amino)5-methylphenyl)acetate, 2-(2-(nitroxy)ethoxy)ethyl 2(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl) amino)5-methylphenyl)acetate, 3-((nitroxy)methylphenyl) 2(2-((2-chloro-6- fluorophenyl) amino)5- methylphenyl)acetate, 2,3-

~~bis(nitroxy)propyl 2-(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)amino)5-methylphenyl)acetate, 6-(nitroxy)-4,8-dioxabicyclo(3.3.0)oct-2-yl 2-(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)amino)5-methylphenyl)acetate, 2-((2-(nitroxy)ethyl)sulfonyl) ethyl 2-(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl) amino)5-methylphenyl)acetate, 2-(4-(2-nitrooxy)ethyl) piperazinyl-2-oxoethyl 2-(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)amino)5-methylphenyl)acetate, 2,3-bis(nitroxy)-4-(2-(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)amino)5-methylphenyl)acetyloxy)butyl 2-(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)amino)5-methylphenyl)acetate, 2-(2-(hydroxyethylthio)ethyl 2-(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl) amino)5-methylphenyl)acetate, 2-(2-(hydroxyethoxy)ethyl 2-(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl) amino)5-methylphenyl)acetate, 3-(hydroxymethylphenyl) 2-(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl) amino)5-methylphenyl)acetate, 2,3-dihydroxypropyl 2-(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)amino)5-methylphenyl)acetate, 6-hydroxy-4,8-dioxabicyclo(3.3.0)oct-2-yl 2-(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)amino)5-methylphenyl)acetate, 2-(2-(hydroxyethyl)sulfonyl) ethyl 2-(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl) amino)5-methylphenyl)acetate, 2-(4-(2-hydroxyethyl)piperazinyl)-2-oxoethyl 2-(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)amino)5-methylphenyl)acetate, 4-(2-(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)amino)5-methylphenyl)acetoxy)-2,3-dihydroxybutyl 2-(2-((2-chloro-6-fluorophenyl)amino)5-methylphenyl)acetyloxy)butyl acetate, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.~~

55. (Original) A composition comprising at least one compound of claim 54 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

56 – 81 (Cancelled)